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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Douglas B Blair

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 July 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-7, 9-15, and 19-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 6,073,075 to Kondou et al..

3. As to claim 1, Kondou teaches a data output system in which a plurality of output apparatuses and a plurality of information accumulating apparatuses are connected together through a network, and data stored in the information storing apparatuses are outputted by the output apparatuses, characterized by the provision of: pursuing means for pursuing a user's location (col. 5, lines 6-35); data moving means for moving the data to information accumulating apparatus corresponding to location information indicative of the user's location (col. 5, lines 6-35); and output processing means of transmitting the relevant data from the information accumulating apparatus storing the relevant data therein to the output apparatus in accordance with the instruction from the user for outputting of the data (col. 5, lines 6-35).

4. As to claim 2, Kondou teaches a data output system according to claim 1, characterized by the provision of: information display means for displaying the data accumulated in the information accumulating apparatuses on the screen of an information processing apparatus used

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by the user (col. 5, lines 6-35); designating means for designating desired data from among the displayed data (col. 5, lines 6-35); and transmitting means for transmitting the designated data to the information processing apparatus used by the user (col. 5, lines 6-35).

5. As to claim 3, Kondou teaches a data output system according to claim 1, having user designating means for designating the user and characterized in that the information of the degree of importance or urgency is designated in said user designating means (col. 5, line 58-col. 6, line 43).

6. As to claim 4, Kondou teaches a data output system according to claim 1 characterized in that said pursuing means specifies the user's location on the basis of location information transmitted by an information processing apparatus used by the user (col. 5, lines 6-35).

7. As to claim 5, Kondou teaches a data output system according to claim 1, characterized in that said moving means selects the information accumulating apparatus corresponding to location information indicative of the user's location, and moves the data to the selected information accumulating apparatus (col. 5, lines 6-35).

8. As to claim 6, Kondou teaches a data output system according to claim 2, characterized in that said information display means displays the data name of the data moved to the nearest information accumulating apparatus and addressed to relevant user on the screen of the information processing apparatus used by the user (col. 5, lines 6-35).

9. As to claim 7, Kondou teaches a data output system according to claim 6, characterized in that said output processing means transmits at least one datum selected from among the displayed data to the output apparatus (col. 5, lines 6-35).

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10. As to claim 9, Kondou teaches a data output system according to claim 1, characterized in that said moving means determines whether the location information has been updated (col. 6, line 47-col. 7, line 21), and selects the information accumulating apparatus corresponding to the location information in conformity with the determination that it has been updated (col. 6, line 47-col. 7, line 21).

11. As to claim 10, Kondou teaches a data output system according to claim 1, characterized in that said moving means moves the data when the information accumulating apparatus currently storing the data therein and the information accumulating apparatus corresponding to the location information differ from each other (col. 6, line 47-col. 7, line 21).

12. As to claims 11-17 and 19-25 they are rejected for the same reasons as claims 1-7 and 9-10.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

13. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

14. Claims 8 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,073,075 to Kondou et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,671,737 to Snowdon et al..

15. As to claim 8, Kondou teaches the data output system of claim 1, however Kondou does not explicitly teach the data being document data with a print apparatus.

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Snowdon teaches document data to a node with a print apparatus (col. 13, lines 1-34).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Computer Networking art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Kondou regarding the delivery of data to terminal with changing locations with the teachings of Snowdon regarding printing with a mobile apparatus because printing devices are commonly used in networks (Snowdon, col. 1, lines 27-49).


16. As to claim 18, it features the same limitations as claim 8 and is rejected for the same reasons as claim 8.

Conclusion

17. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Douglas B Blair whose telephone number is 703-305-5267. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-5pm Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Harvey can be reached on 703-305-9705. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DBB', located below the printed name 'Douglas Blair'.